

our destination at three Saturday morning. The colts behaved like veterans and came through in the best of condition. The arrival of the young Lambs was duly heralded in the daily papers on Saturday and they were visited by a large number of people, including many prominent horsemen, by whom they were much admired.

I found Mr. Randall a genial and courteous gentleman of middle age, an enthusiastic lover of the horse, and thoroughly posted in all matters that to the horse pertain.

Saturday came the snow and the flyers were out with the cutters; there are many fast steppers, both at the trot and the pace, about the capital of the State that produced Blue Bull. Mr. Randall hitched up and we went out three miles, over an excellent broad stone road, to his residence and stables. Here we found a string of sleek and well-bred trotting stock, all in the best of condition, showing the results of Mr. Randall's excellent care and liberal system of feeding; the young stock in particular being remarkably developed. I noted the following:

Monroe Downing, b. s., 15 1-2 hands, foaled 1878; by Joe Downing (sire of Abe Downing 2:20 1-2). Dam, Lady Elmira by Jim Monroe (sire of Monroe Chief 2:18); second dam, Lady Redwood, by L. L. Black Hawk. He can show 2:35 gait, and in style and endurance is among the best.

Pilot Clay, bl. s., 15 1-2 hands, foaled 1877; by Strader's Cassius M. Clay, jr.; dam, Carlotta by Pilot, jr.; second dam, Young Clipper by Oliver, son of Wagner; third dam, Clipper, by American Eclipse. Pilot Clay was never trained, but can show a 2:30 clip.

Tranbytonian, b. s., 15 1-2 hands, foaled 1882; by Hambletonian Tranby (sire of Homewood, 2:23 1-2), son of Edward Everett. Dam, Birdie R., by Joe Downing; second dam, Polly Bird (2:28), by Simpson's Blackbird; third dam by Young Magnum Bonum. This colt is fine as silk, took second money in Breeder's Stakes last September, and trotted a full mile, Oct. 23, last, in 2:45.

Bert Wolford, bl. f., 16 1-2 hands, foaled 1882; by Ravenswood, son of Blackwood, Jr.; dam, Fannie, by Bay State. In foal by Hambrino (2:21 1-4).

Robin Clay, bl. f., 15 hands, foaled 1884; by Pilot Clay; dam, Birdie R. by Joe Downing.

Forrest Hal, b. f., 14 3-4 hands, foaled 1885; by George Gordon (pacing record 2:27); dam, Birdie R.

Birdie R., b. m., foaled 1875, by Joe Downing; dam, Polly Bird (2:28, former May Day) by Simpson's Blackbird; second dam by Young Magnum Bonum.

Canada Maid, b. l., foaled 1882; brought from Canada by Mr. Randall; a promising pacer.

It will be seen that Foaming Water goes into the best of company; she makes a graceful addition to a noble stable.

I am under obligation to Mr. Randall for many courtesies and favors.

Messrs. Smith and Brandenburg met me at Indianapolis, and as their place at Sugar Creek is fifteen miles out, I did not see the future home of Ripton.

I returned via Canada Southern, Suspension Bridge and New York Central, leaving Indianapolis Monday morning and arriving at Middlebury Wednesday afternoon. It may be of interest to our breeders to know that the expense of this trip, including a man's time at two dollars per day, is about one hundred dollars.

D. W. BLISS.

#### SUNDAY LETTERS.

**THE DAM OF FLYING MORGAN AND BLACK LYON—LETTER FROM MR. YALE.**

*Editor Register.*—The mother of Flying Morgan was a small bay or chestnut mare from over the mountain, was attached by Wm. Needham of Bristol; was sold at auction; was bought by Riley Adams; was with foal by the Hackett Horse when bought by Adams. The colt was Flying Morgan. The mother of Pratt's horse, Black Lyon, was sired by Liberty.

Yours truly,

W. H. HOLLISTER.

**DAM OF FOREST KING (2:27), BY HONEST DAN.**

GRANVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 21, 1885.  
*Editor Register.*—I bought the dam of Forest King of M. C. Jones of West Pawlet, Vt. He bought her when three years old, of a party I think that lived in Hartford, N. Y. You can address Mr. Jones, who is one of the select men of Pawlet. Yours truly,

J. H. BATTELL.

**VALLEY BOY (2:24 1-2) BY ABERDEEN, MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Dec. 5, 1885.**

*Dear Sir.*—Will you please inform me who bred the bay trotting gelding Valley Boy, owned, I think, by you? Please give the address of breeder and oblige,

Yours truly,

JOSEPH BATTELL.

**ANSWER.**

He is dead; didn't leave his address.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Dec. 15, 1885.  
ALVIN SQUIRES, Esq.

*Dear Sir.*—Will you please give me name of breeder of Valley Boy and where he used to live? If you do not know this, please tell of whom you got the horse.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH BATTELL.

**ANSWER.**

I got the Boy of J. K. Priest of New Haven, who has since died. I think his brother bred him; and he is also dead.

JENNIE L. (2:27 1-4; FIFTY-RACE TROTTER).

NEW BRIDGE, N. J., Dec. 18, 1885.  
*Editor Register.*—In reply to enclosed inquiry would say I purchased the dam of Jennie L. at 24th street, New York city, when three years old, supposing her to be a Messenger. She proved a valuable animal, and I kept her till she died. I gave her a record of 2:45 when five years old, but she being an excellent roadster, I kept her for that purpose afterwards. The sire of Jennie L. I bought at the same place. He was represented to me to be by Alexander's Pilot, Jr. He, too, was a good horse, but I never gave him a race. He

was very speedy. I sold Jennie L. to Chas. Forth, Evansville, Ind.

Yours truly,

\*BARNEY COLE.

**DAM OF ALEXANDER'S NORMAN.**

WALPOLE, N. H., Dec. 16, 1885.  
MR. BATTELL.

*Dear Sir.*—In your notice in the *Turf, Field and Farm* of the 11th inst. you speak of the Morse Horse. I presume you mean Morse's Gray. He was the sire of Alexander's Norman, the sire of Lulu. Norman's dam was a Morgan. I had it from Morse himself.

Yours truly,

F. A. WEBB.

**T. A. K. (2:28 1-2).**

WATERFORD, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1885.  
*Editor Register.*—Yours received, and I hasten to reply. I bought the horse T. A. K. of Mrs. Barker, Shunshun, Washington Co., N. Y. He was by Gilroy; dam, a Kentucky mare, runner.

Yours truly,

T. VAN DEERAK.

**SHUSHUN, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1885.**

*Editor Register.*—I received your letter asking the pedigree of T. A. K. I bought the horse of Milo Warren of this place when he was three years old and broke him, and I drove him in several races better than 2:35 and I sold him to Van Deekar. His pedigree is lost.

Yours truly,

C. BARKER.

**CAMBRIDGE, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1886.**

*Editor Register.*—Yours received, and in reply will say that I sold Gilroy three years ago to one Peter Valentine of Eagle Bridge, N. Y. The horse is dead. I could not give you the correct pedigree of the horse. I have sent your letter to Valentine and wrote to him to answer you the best he could. He was a famous horse; weight, about 1100 lbs.; mahogany bay, and never was fitted for the track. But one could take him if he hadn't had a harness on in four weeks and drive him in 2:40 without a skip.

Yours truly,

N. E. RICE.

**MILTON, Vt., Dec. 30, 1885.**

*MR. JOSEPH BATTELL.*—Your letter was duly received. I should have answered sooner, but my memorandum got misplaced and I have been bothed to find it.

T. A. K. was sired by a bay horse named Gilroy and was ten years old last spring, which is one year older than Gilroy by Messenger Durce. The sire of T. A. K. was bred by Wendell Wilcox of Rochester, N. Y., got by John J. Crittenden, son of the Benson Horse; breeding of dam unknown. The sire of T. A. K. was owned by N. E. Rice of Cambridge, N. Y. That is how I understood the matter.

Yours truly,

E. ADAMS.

**PANTON, Vt., Dec. 25, 1885.**

*Editor Register.*—Your favor of the 18th came duly to hand, and in reply would say my father bred Billy. His grand-dam (as I have always understood) was a French mare my father brought from Canada and in foal at the time. The following spring she was bred to a horse owned by Allen Smith and brought the dam of Billy Hatch. She was served in 1819 by old Black Hawk. Billy was foaled in 1839, and in the spring of '55 was taken to Quincy, Ill., (together with Silver Heels) and sold. I am unable to state who had him.

Yours truly,

F. A. DUNN.

**DAM OF HOTSPUR—LETTER FROM H. C. PLUMLEY, ESQ.**

FARGO, Dak., Dec. 30, 1885.  
JOS. BATTELL, Esq.

*Dear Sir.*—I have your favor of recent date and have carefully noted the contents. Mother thinks the mare was about four years old when father had it and believes it was sold in '30 or '31. But about that time most of the horses he disposed of were sold in New York instead of Boston. It is possible, however, the horse went to Boston. I think I will be able to trace the matter down, as father kept diaries of everything of that nature, and I started to bring those West with me, but the executor found they would be necessary in the settling of the estate. I therefore left them with him. I have this day sent for them, and as soon as they arrive I will make thorough search and notify you of the result. If there is any way in which I can be of service to you out here on Dakota plains, at any time, please be free to call upon me and I will gladly do anything in my power for one who proved to be so good a friend of father's and is now doing so much for old Vermont as I hear on every hand. I send you copies of the various editions of the paper of which I am managing editor, that you may see we have some civilization even out here in what was claimed to have been an alkali desert.

Yours very truly,

H. C. PLUMLEY.

**HECLA, BY DANIEL LAMBERT.**

*Editor Register.*—I bought Hecla from Benj. E. Bates; her dam was the dam of Hotspur.

Yours truly,

H. T. RUSSELL.

**MORSE HORSE, ETC.—INTERESTING LETTER FROM H. G. CLARK.**

AROLTE, Washington Co., N. Y., Dec. 6, 1885.  
*Editor Register.*—Pierce S. Milligan resides three miles northeast of this office. His post-office address is North Argyle, N. Y. He was the owner of a horse called Bellounder, he by the Charley Milligan Horse, he by the Morse Horse, he by European, owned by James McNitt. McNitt bred the Morse Horse from his stallion called European, brought from Canada by McNitt. He was a French horse, not a Caukeek, but said to be imported from France. I saw the horse about 58 or 39 years ago. Mr. McNitt, when returning from the North with a lot of cattle, fell in with a small pair of gray mares. After bantering awhile he bought the pair for the small sum of \$65. One of these mares was bred to European, and the produce was the horse known as the Morse Horse. McNitt sold him at two years old to Martin Stover for \$80. Stover sold in about a year to James Mills, son of Joseph F. Mills, for \$150. Mills sold him to Calvin Morse of Speckletown, about six miles north of Troy on the Schaghticoke road. He covered there a number of years and finally got his leg broke and died at a place called Grant's Hollow. I had a number of his colts. I know all about the Morse Horse. You sent me a statement about his dam as you understand it, but it was not correct. He was bred as above stated. Mr. McNitt did not know anything about the breeding of his dam. I cannot lay my hands on your statement as regards his dam as you understand it. Please send me the statement again, for it was something new in regard to the dam. *Watson's Monthly* says his dam was a bay mare by Bishop's Hambletonian. He gives as his author Henry Williams, old Peter Comstock's horse jockey. Let me hear from you. Wm. McNeil bought the dam of the Morse Horse from McNeil. She died with him at East Greenwich. Dr. Jas. S. McNeil married my daughter. He was a son of Wm. McNeil.

Yours truly,

R. G. CLARK, P. M.

**KELLY OR KILBOURNE HORSE.**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1885.  
*Editor Register.*—The Kelly or Kilbourne Horse was sired by Hill's Black Hawk. I can't tell you the breeding of his dams. He was a sorrel with some white legs; I think he had a strip in forehead, could trot in 2:30, stood about 15-1 or two high. I think Lemuel Jake, way of West Haven, Vt., could give you more information than any one I know of. He used to know the horse well.

Very truly yours,

S. B. WOODWARD.

**DAM OF MARS (2:29.)**

TECONOMY, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1885.  
*Editor Register.*—The dam of Mars was the dam of Mr. Head of Shoreham, Vt. Mr. Head has been dead some years; but he once told me Jenny, the dam of Mars, was from Superb and a Harris Hambletonian mare.

CHARLES WICKER.

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**DAM OF JUPITER, SON OF L. L. BLACK HAWK.**

58 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, Dec. 26, 1885.  
J. BATTELL, Esq.

*Dear Sir.*—Your letter of the 22d is just received, having been directed to Oyster Bay, instead of South Oyster Bay, my place of residence, then sent to me here, where I am spending the winter. In answer to your question—the dam of Jupiter was a sorrel mare by name of Gypsy; she by Almack; he by old Mambrino; he by Imp. Messenger. I never knew the dam of Gypsy. She was said to be a large brown mare from Vermont, but whether he bred her or not I do not remember.

Yours truly,

ELBERT FLOYD-JONES.

**LETTER FROM MR. DUTTON.**

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 26, 1885.  
*Editor Register.*—Am writing to see a man living nine miles out and will then write you about the breeding of Rob Roy and his get. He came here from the South; was running blood and was a good one. We have had several of old Black Hawk's get here—the Colton stallion, Green Mountain Boy, Black Douglas, the Gibson Horse and several others. One can now find but few descendants of Hill's.

Yours truly,

H. D. VAN KLEECK.

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### Sheep Interest.

#### SALES OF SHEEP

RECORDED IN THE REGISTER OF THE VERNON MONT MERINO SHEEP-BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

E. L. Campbell, Comstock, N. Y., to Geo. B. Quin, Hartford, N. Y., 1 ram.

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